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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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No 4768

BANGALORE
12th September 1908.

My dear Dewan,

In the course of disposing of the departmental appeals of certain Police Officers of the Civil and Military Station punished for misconduct, in connection with their failure to take action against the murderers Babu, Sundaraj and Mullathambi, the Resident has had occasion to review the history of the series of crimes committed by this gang in the City and Civil and Military Station, with the result that certain conclusions have been forced upon him, which I am now to bring to the notice of the Durbar.

Between April 1906 and October 1907 no less than 6 cases of mysterious death or disappearance occurred in the City and the Civil and Military Station, viz.,

(1) on April 24th, 1906, the body of Lakki was found in a tank in the City with her throat cut;

(2) in July, a boy, Appiah, disappeared from the City with jewels upon him:

(3) on September 27th, Govindacharry disappeared from the Civil and Military Station:

(4) on October 16th, a boy, Gopalsami, was found drowned in a tank in the Civil and Military Station, in suspicious circumstances:

(5) on June 11th 1907, two boys, Vishwamurthi Chetty and

and Krishna Naidu, disappeared from the City one of them wearing jewellery.

(6) on October 8th, one Chelvaraj Mudaliar was missing from the City and was known to be wearing jewellery. In none of these cases was the criminal discovered, until a fortunate arrest in another case, early in 1908, revealed (on the confession of the individuals arrested) the fact that all these six occurrences were murders perpetrated by the same gang of three men. How far the failure to trace the criminals was due in any particular case to the neglect of the City Police, is (with one exception to which separate reference will be made below) a matter on which the Resident has no opportunity of forming an opinion, but the general conclusion is irresistible that the long immunity enjoyed by this gang, while perpetrating under the noses of the Police a series of murders of almost unprecedented boldness, was largely due to the want of proper co-operation between the Durbar Police in the City and the British Police in the Civil and Military Station. It ought to be sufficiently obvious that, so far as the operations of criminals are concerned, the City and the Civil and Military Station should be regarded as one area, and that when suspicious disappearance after disappearance occurred in that area, the probability of one agency being at work throughout ought to have occurred to the officers in charge of the Station and City Police respectively, and ought to have led these officers to confer personally with a view to taking concerted action on the comparison of clues in their possession. But no such consultation appears to have taken place, although, in one instance at least, there

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

BANGALORE.

there were more than general grounds for one Police force finding out what the other was doing. The case I refer to is that of the murder of Chelvaraju Mudaliar. The disappearance of this boy was reported by his father Munisawmi Mudaliar on 9th October 1907 at the Kengeri gate and Kalasipallium City Police Stations, the father stating that his son had gone away with "a Lal Bagh Maistri" This Maistri Munisawmi found out at once by his own unaided inquiries to correspond with the description of Babu (finally convicted of the murder), and on 11th October, Munisawmi and his friends complained about Babu to the Police in Ulsoor (Civil and Military Station) where he lived. Owing to the guilty complicity of three of the Ulsoor Police Officers (one of whom has committed suicide and two have been dismissed) this information was successfully suppressed in order to shield Babu. But any such conspiracy on the part of the Police of one Station House in the Civil and Military Station would have failed in its object if the City Police had pursued the clue given by Munisawmi at the Kengeri and Kallasapallium Stations. Apart from the fact that "yadis" about Chelvaraju's disappearance were not circulated to the Civil and Military Station Police Stations, as they should have been in accordance with orders, it appears to the Resident extraordinary that the City Police did not learn from Munisawmi that he had identified his 'Lal Bagh Maistri' with Babu and did not ascertain from the superior authorities in the Civil and

and Military Station whether steps had been taken to arrest Babu. Had this been done, it would at once have been seen that Babu was connected with the similar disappearance of Appiah from the City in July 1906, in which case also the same feature appeared of a telegram purporting to explain the disappearance and it seem highly probable that Babu's arrest would have led to the discovery of the mystery.

The Resident understands that a departmental inquiry into the conduct of the Police has been held by the District Magistrate, Bangalore City in which case the apparent supineness of the Police in the Chelvaraju murder will presumably have come under notice. What the Resident is now concerned with is to secure better co-operation between the two Police forces in the future. The matter is in his opinion, a simple one, because fortunately there appears to be no active disinclination on the part of one force to assist the other and the point needs only to be brought to notice to be rectified. All that appears to b necessary is that the two District Superintendents of Police shall arrange to meet and compare notes at regular intervals. Such an arrangement has for some weeks past, it is understood, been carried out by Mr. Hannyngton and Mr. Krishna Rao, but to ensure the continuance of the practice, it is advisable to frame a standing order on the subject.

The Resident will be much obliged if you will favour him with your views in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

V. P. Madhava Rao, Esq., C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

S.I.

Encl. to letter No. 64 of 28 #

"Copy ind'd kept in file.

D.O. written to Sri L. Krishna Rao

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Confidential

Bangalore
Sept 14 - 08

Dear Mr Meath

I showed you the original Diary Book of Kaligapte Rotuna containing the entries of the 16th Oct/07 - which extracts are filed with the reference sent by the Dy Comm with his Retort

These Diary Books were before the Sub Station Authorities during the departmental enquiry —

I enclose the note written by me on the 28th July/08

the personal. In reply
to this I wrote to Mr
Hamphries about time to
day that beyond the
entries in Slaters
Bonus Diaries of the W
Oct 07 for having sent
to Yadkin, there was
no voucher or refere
other that the fund
was actually delivere
reported to Comm
Police on the subject
I have already there
from the receipts of
Rly Supdt Asper Balaji &
he having sent to
Diary Book of the Ke
late Slaters the refere
at the departmental en
But what Mr Hamphri
wanted was the Cash
Book showing the Sum

for having posted & delivered
the Yard & a particular
Delivery in the Colon
Station - This is of course
not available. Even now
The Yard Book containing
the entry No 257 of 11.10.9
is also among the records
sent by the Colon & &
The Servan Sahib -
As well as the Extract
of the Kamya Gate Station
in which Correspondence
entered regarding the
disappearance Cooly not
in transit book at time.
They were in transit
& posted -

The argument that no
Yard was circulated
& Cd in station regarding
the disappearance of Chelan
Ray is based on the
circumstance that no

Vouchers or Entries in the
Cashbook-Books is found con
to their the actual deli
or posting of the Yard-
Similar alterations & entries
in the Cashbook Books is
restricted in regard
other cases as well. What
I wish to urge is — that
the Entries in the Diary
Books (made available
for reference at the Department
hearings) having been made
at the time in the Course
of Business are entitled
to weight in preference
to the verbal denial
of the writer of the Yard
by the Discussion of the
Case in Station.

Please return Mr Hampton's
letter after you have done
with it. Yours Sincerely

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Police Tele mes 6404

Office of the Dist
Supdt of Police
C & M Sta Bangalore
July 28th.-

Dear Sir,

With reference
to the reported
disappearance of
Chelluvaraya Mudr.
reported at Ken-
-geri and alleged
Gate Stations wire
you please let me
know whether in-
-formation was
sent on to the
C & M Station
and if so, to what
Stations - The
boys father & others
at our enquiry,
narrated how a
Lal Bagh Minister
was mentioned as
having taken the

boy away and
on this information
the boys father was
able to trace Babu
in Ulsoor - Did
the City Police send
on here, any in-
-formation about
a Luc Bagh Murder
or make any en-
-quiry here them-
-selves -

As we have not
had a meeting for
some time I
think we might
arrange one shortly -

Yours Sincerely
Sg Hannyington.

L Ambassador Esq

Police Dept. No. 69 of 08
Report from the D.G. of Police.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Bangalore.

17th September 1908.

My dear Sir,

With reference to the D.O. No. 4768 dated the 12th instant from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, in re - the co-operation on the part of the Bangalore City Police, with that of the Civil and Military Station, I forward herewith for your information, copy of Mr. B. J. Kumarasami Naik's D.O., of the 16th instant, explaining the points raised in the First Assistant Resident's letter, which relate to the conduct of the City Police, in tracing out the criminals connected with the recent Bangalore murders.

It is evident, from the papers herewith submitted, that the City Police, have endeavoured to do their best, to trace out the missing individuals. Disappearance of persons by itself, not being a crime, the Police on its report to them, widely circulate descriptive rolls amongst the Police Stations. Beyond that, the Police, are not in a position to take any further step, unless it is brought to their notice, or, unless there are reasonable grounds to believe, that foul play, is involved, with the disappearance. No suspicion of the kind, can be made out, if the complainant is not willing to divulge, the circumstances, under which a person is missing. This, the complainants, are generally reluctant to do. Such, in the first place, has been the case in most of the disappearances in question.

In regard to the disappearance of Chelvaraj Mudaliar, it may be observed, that the City Police, circulated the descriptive roll of the person, not only amongst their own Stations, but also sent a yadi, with the roll, to the Civil and Military

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Station, as is evident, from the Kengeri Gate Police Station Diary of the 10th October 1907, and also from the "TO" Register of the said Station. The Diary Book, of the Kengeri Gate Station, which had been furnished to the Civil and Military Station authorities, for the purpose of Departmental enquiry, contains, an entry, to that effect. The duplicate of the Station Diary of the 10th October 1907, which the District Superintendent of Police explains, had been mixed up with other records, and which has since been found, clearly states, that the descriptive roll, had been sent to the Civil and Military Station, and that the disappearance of the boy, might be due, to his loose character.

I sent for the records and saw them. I made further enquiries, as to, what is being done, in cases of disappearances, which are reported to the Police. As ascertained in the enquiry, the usual practice was, to circulate descriptive rolls, and it has been done in this case too. As from the statement made by Muniswami Mudaliar, to the City Police, in his complaint, no foul play could be suspected, with regard to Chelvaraj Mudaliar's disappearance, the City Police could not do anything further. If Muniswami Mudaliar, had really suspected foul play, he would certainly have come to the City Police, and pressed for further action. The independent enquiry, which the Police instituted, did not disclose any reasonable grounds to suspect foul play. Therefore the City Police adopted the usual procedure, and there the matter rested.

To come to the point, of the desirability, to frame some standing orders, to regulate, the course of communication, between the City Police, and that of the Civil and Military Station, I agree, with the Honourable the Resident, in thinking, that something ought to be done, to secure better co-operation, between the two Police Forces. Though, the restriction, referred to, in letter No. 1652-734-7 dated 1st June 1891, from the Assistant Resident in Mysore to the Dewan of Mysore. is still in force.

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in practice, however, there has always been hearty co-operation, between the two Police Forces. A careful perusal, of the records of the investigation in the recent cases of murder, will show, that but for the co-operation between the two Police Forces, the overwhelming evidence, which they have marshalled against the perpetrators of the murders, could not have been collected. - "Results in Police work", as stated in letter No. 1892-76 dated the 19th May 1891, from the Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore to the Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, to which, the reply referred to, above, was received, "depend much on quickness and promptitude in interchange of information, and the freedom for direct correspondence." A general permission of the kind,was declined, and direct correspondence was allowed to be carried on, only in a few cases. I need hardly say, that the experience - since gained, has shown, that a wider latitude, of free correspondence, should be allowed, between the two Police Forces. The suppression and detection of crime, on the frontier Taluks, is mostly due, to the freedom of direct correspondence, and constant meetings, which the District Superintendents in the border Dis-. tricts, have been arranging, to concert measures. The same free-dom, as regards the City and Civil and Military Station Police, would be beneficial, in the detection and suppression of crime. I am therefore of opinion, that, all that is necessary now, to induce better co-operation, is to remove the restriction, referred to in Government Order No. 2568-280 dated 10th June 1891.

The First Assistant Resident's letter, under reply, is herewith returned, together with the file of papers, received from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.

Yours sincerely,

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To,

K. P. Puttanna Chetty Esquire,

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Bangalore.

16th September 1908.

My dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your memo of the 14th instant, forwarding for report on the points raised therein, copy of D.O. letter No. 4768 dated the 12th instant from the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore, making certain observations regarding the conduct of Police Officers in connection with the series of murders committed in the City and the Civil and Military Station and suggesting measures for securing better co-operation between the two Police Forces in the future.

2. First, with regard to the observation as to how far the failure to trace the criminals was due in any particular case to the neglect of the City Police, I beg to state that I had my own misgivings in the matter before I held the departmental enquiry; and I even thought that every one would entertain the same doubt as to whether, considering the unprecedented boldness of the murders committed by the gang, the City Police had really taken all the necessary steps to trace the culprits in Lakki's case and the whereabouts of the several missing persons, Appiah, Viswamurti, Krishna and Chelvaraya Mudaliar, since known to have been murdered. It is with this view that I started the departmental enquiry as already stated in para 2 of my report No. R. 113 dated the 14th July 1908 - extract from which is re-

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reproduced below for your ready information:-

" Though there has been no specific charge against the City " Police, yet on perusing the Judgments in the several cases, it " occurred to me that it was desirable in the interest of the " public and the Police as well, to scrutinize the conduct of the " Police Officers concerned regarding the part played by them in " the investigation of the said cases, <u>especially in their earlier</u> " <u>stages</u>. I accordingly held a departmental enquiry with a view " to see whether all that could be reasonably expected of the " Police had been done in connection with the case of the report- " -ed murder and the disappearance of the four persons mentioned " above."

3. Having investigated the matter carefully and scrutinized all the available records connected with these cases, I feel convinced that the Police Officers in the City have done their duty to the best of their intelligence and ability and not shirked their responsibility in any of the said cases, and I have accordingly recorded my opinion in the last but two paragraphs of my previous report to you in the matter.

4. Secondly, with regard to the observation that the long immunity enjoyed by the gang of murderers may be attributed to the want of co-operation between the Durbar Police in the City and the British Police in the Civil and Military Station, I under-stand, however, that there has always been hearty co-operation and mutual confidence between the Police Officers in the City and those of the Civil and Military Station and there never was any occasion when they had to deal with, each other at arms length, or, to distrust each other in their daily transactions connected with the detection and prevention of crime and the pursuit of criminals. I learn that in all cases of importance and emergency (of which several instances can be quoted) the Police Officers of the City and the Civil and Military Station have been exchanging information with one another. I have no reason to believe

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that the relationship between the two Police Forces has been otherwise than cordial.

5. The question raised in the communication under reference as to how it was that no consultation appears to have taken place, although in one instance at least, there were more than general grounds for one Police Force finding out what the other was doing - may be met by the fact that no importance was attached by the Police to any of the reported cases of disappearance as such disappearances followed by the return of the missing individuals-in some cases after the lapse of several years- are of frequent occurrence in the City of Bangalore as the two instances given in the margin will show - and as stated in my previous report no serious notice is taken of the matter, as, in the majority of cases some domestic reason or other will be found to underlie such disappearances. But from the moment the first clue was brought to the notice of the Police when the attempted murder case was reported to the Civil and Military Station Police, the officers of the City Police seem to have not slipped a single opportunity of meeting and consulting the Police Officers of the Civil and Military Station with a view to secure further clues and collecting all possible evidence against the criminals.

1. Kapanipathiah alias Nanjundiah aged 21 or 22 - son of K.Srikantaih (Translator Chief Court); missed from Bangalore in Novr:'05 - reported to Police in March '06. Descriptive rolls published in Myso Gazette dated 15-3-06 - Part II, page 363 and in Police Gazette - also widely circulated. Traced after 2½ years; absence most fortunately i.e., in ~~May~~ 08. He is now residing in Chamarajpet with his father who is unwilling even now to make any statement as to the domestic cause for the disappearance of his son.

2. Lakshmi - daughter of Hanumanthappa residing in Arlepet - age 14; missed in May 1907. Descriptive Rolls circulated. Traced after 15 months, i.e., on 4th July 1908. Relatives unwilling to disclose the cause of the disappearance. The girl is now living with her grandfather Sidramanna in Arlepet, Bangalore City

6. Thirdly, as regards the observation that any conspiracy on the part of the Police of one Station House in the Civil and Military Station would have failed in its object if the City Police had pursued the clue given by Munuswami at the Kengeri and Kalasipallium Stations, I beg to state that I have gone through the Police records carefully and the following facts

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are gathered:-

The only clue given by Muniswami Mudaliar was that some unknown person who professed himself to be a Lal Bagh Maistri took away his son Chelvaraya Mudaliar through another boy and that he did not know who the Lal Bagh Maistri was.(vide Kalasipallium Police Station Diary, Exhibit L). The Police lost no time in interviewing the Lal Bagh Maistris Papanna and Perianna and enquiring if they knew anything about the Maistri answering to the description given by Muniswami Mudaliar, but they were not able to give any clue regarding the so-called maistri. Further, the City Police did not fail in their duty to ascertain who all were associating with the missing boy and what sort of company he was keeping. They learnt that the boy was of loose morals and had fallen into bad company and was suspected to be stoppimg with some woman of questionable character in Ulsoor. This is further borne out by the facts related by the accused Babu in his confessional statement, vide page 17 in Criminal appeal case No. 6 of 1908. If Muniswami Mudaliar had suspected any foul play regarding his son, nothing prevented him from informing the same to the City Police. The fact of his having taken independent steps to ascertain the whereabouts and get back his son who was known to be moving in bad company in Ulsoor further confirmed the view then taken by the Police that he must have gone away with some woman, being a youth of 17 or 18 years. Thus the Police had no reasonable grounds to arrest any one or to take any further steps in the matter even though they subsequently came to know that Babu was also one of his (Chelvaraj) associates. (vide City Inspector Mekri's statement, recorded by me and Hanumanta Rao's note on the Diary of the Kengeri Gate Police Station dated 10th October 1907). There is however nothing to shew, as subsequently elicited at the trial, that Muniswami Mudaliar ever brought to the notice of the City Police of his having been refused by the Ulsur Police to see Babu then in their custody. Even if this matter had been mentioned to the City Police the latter could not have taken any action as it did not concern any criminal case in the City, their

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their action being limited strictly to matters relating to crime (vide Govt: Order No. R 2568-280 dated 10th June 1891). But as a matter of fact all that Muniswami Mudaliar mentioned to the City Police after lodging the complaint before the Ulsoor Police was that he had sent telegrams and also men to Madras as well as to Mysore to find his son's whereabouts (vide note of the Head Constable Madhav Vittal made on the 23rd October 1907 on the Kalasipallium Police Station Diary - Exhibit L).

7. In this connection, it may however be pointed out that the similarity of the circumstances connected with the disappearances of Appiah and Chelvaraj in both of which Babu's name had figured would not have escaped notice had the Chief Inspector Mr. Nagavkar and the Divisional Inspector Siddaramappa who dealt with the case in 1906, ~~had~~ remained in the City in October 1907, but both these officers had been succeeded by Mr. Mekri and S.N. Hanumanta Rao respectively when the disappearance of Chelvaraj was reported. But as stated in my previous report, when once the name of Sunderraj was mentioned in the case of attempted murder, Siddaramppa was the first to make use of his previous knowledge of the connection of this man in Appiah's case and with the available clue worked up all the cases successfully.

8. Fourthly, as regards the observation that yadis about Chelvaraj Mudaliar's disappearance were not circulated to the Civil and Military Station as they should have been in accordance with orders, I beg to state that the entry No. 257 dated 11-10-07 in the "TO" Register of the Kengeri Gate Police Station (herewith sent) shows that the yadi was circulated not only to all the Stations in the City, but also to those in the Civil and Military Station. This fact is also specifically mentioned in the Kengeri Gate Police Station Diary of the 10th October 1907 (herein enclosed). Further the entry in the Kalasipallium Police Station Diary (Exhibit L) supports the fact that yadis must have been circulated to all the Stations in accordance with the established practice in the City. The Superintendent of Police brings to my

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notice that the extract of the Kengeri gate Police Station Diary of the 10th October 1907 sent to his office and the "TO" Register of the said Station, which had been mixed up with other records, were only traced recently. If the Station House Book of the Kengeri gate Police Station containing the entry of the 10th October 1907 had been either exhibited at the trial, or, referred to during the departmental enquiry, held in the Civil and Military Station, I imagine that the point raised in the letter under reference would have been satisfactorily cleared.

Note.- The original Diary Books of Kalasipallium and Kengeri gate Stations which were with the Civil and Military Station Superintendent were returned only yesterday to District Superintendent of Police, City.

9. The suggestion that the Superintendents of the Civil and Military Station and of Bangalore City should meet and compare notes at regular intervals is an excellent one and I understand that the Police Superintendent of the City has been, all along in frequent communication with the successive Superintendents of Police of the Civil and Military Station in matters of crime in pursuance of instructions conveyed in Government Proceedings No. 2568-280 dated 10th June 1891. The restrictions as regards free inter-communication in all Police matters imposed in the above said Government Proceedings, may however be removed so as to admit of concerted action even in cases of disappearance of men, cattle, and other quasi criminal matters although I understand that there is a long standing practice of interchanging communication between the Police of the City and Civil and Military Station even in these matters.

10. The entire file of records connected with the departmental enquiry returned with your memo No. 1476/163 dated the 5th September 1908 is herewith retransmitted for reference and kind return.

" C O P Y "

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) B. J. Kumarasami Naik.

Inspector General of Police

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D.O. No. 1323/2. Mysore,

29th September 1908

My dear Mr. Moore,

I am in receipt of your D.O. No. 4768 of the 12th instant communicating certain observations of the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the conduct of the City Police in connection with the investigation of the murders committed by Babu, Sunderaj and Nallathumby in the City and the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore between April 1906 and October 1907.

2. I quite agree with Mr. Fraser that so far as the operations of criminals are concerned, the City and Civil and Military Station of Bangalore should be regarded as one area and that the two District Superintendents of the City and the Station Police should arrange to meet and discuss matters at regular intervals. I understand that this has been the practice, and that the Police Superintendent of the City has all along been in frequent communication with successive District Superintendents of the Station Police in matters of crime in pursuance of the instructions conveyed in Government Order No.2568/280 dated 10th June 1891, issued in accordance with the First Assistant Resident's letter No.1652-734-7 dated 1st June 1891. Instructions will now be issued, as desired by Mr. Fraser, that the District Superintendent of the City Police should arrange to meet the District Superintendent of the Station Police at regular intervals, and compare notes on all Police matters.

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3. As regards the observations contained in your letter regarding the conduct of City Police, permit me to say that I have all

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along been under the impression that the City Police acquitted themselves very creditably in the detection of cases and in bringing the accused to justice. I would invite a perusal of Government Proceedings No. J.627-29/Police 24-08-2 dated 26th August 1908 a printed copy of which is herewith forwarded, from which it will be seen how valuable were the services of the City Police and the Chief Jailor of the Bangalore Central Jail in obtaining circumstantial information from the accused persons regarding the several murders committed by them. I believe the City Police worked whole-heartedly and gave material assistance to the Station Police in unravelling the mystery connected with the murders and securing conviction. It should also be noted that the accused did not make any charge against the City Police of complicity in the murders and the Departmental enquiry has also shown that the conduct of the City Police was above suspicion.

4. As regards the murder of Cheluvaraj Mudaliar, referred to in your letter, I would invite the Resident's attention to the explanation given in paras 6, 7 and 8 of Mr. Kumarswami Naik's letter of 16th instant (copy herewith sent). It would appear that a "yadi" was circulated under date 11th October 1907 to the Civil and Military Station Police regarding the disappearance of Cheluvaraj Mudaliar, the same date on which the lad's father Munisami Mudaliar complained about Babu to the Police in Ulsoor. Munisami Mudaliar did not tell the City Police that the lad identified the Lal Bagh Maistri with Babu or that the Civil and Military Station Police did not allow him to see Babu. He only said that his son was taken away by a person who professed to be Lal

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Maistri. The City Police at once interviewed Lal Bagh Maistri Papanna and Perianna and ascertained from them that there was no maistri answering to the description given by Munisami Mudaliar. The City Police also made enquiries as to the boy's associates. They learned that he had fallen into bad company and was suspected to be living with some woman of questionable character in Ulsoor. There was thus no reason to suspect foul play or to take any further action beyond circulating descriptive rolls of the missing boy. It will thus be seen that the City Police have done all that could be expected of them and they could not certainly be found fault with for not having calculated on ~~their~~ there being a regular conspiracy on the part of the Civil and Military Station Police to supress the crime and taken further action in regard to a crime which was in the hands of the Civil and Military Station Police.

5. The printed papers now forwarded will, I hope, show that the City Police far from meriting any condemnation for the part played by them have worked with zeal and devotion and co-operated with the Civil and Military Station Police in bringing the cases to a successful issue.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) V.P. Madhava Rao.

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information a D.O. letter dated 12th September 1908 from the Residency communicating certain observations of the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the conduct of the Bangalore City Police in connection with the investigation of the murders recently committed in the City and Civil and Military Station of Bangalore by a gang of three young men, and suggesting that arrangements be made for the District Police Superintendents of the City and the Civil and Military Station meeting and comparing notes on police matters at regular intervals.

A copy of my reply dated 29th September and the connected file are also submitted.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

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Residency correspondance in the matter of the observations of the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the conduct of the Bangalore City Police in connection with the investigation of the murders recently committed in the City and Civil and Military Station of Bangalore and arrangements to be made for the District Police Superintendents of the City and the Station meeting and comparing notes on Police matters at regular intervals

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Submitted to Secretary

1 Mr. Moore's D.O. to the Dewan No 4768 of 12.9.08
& Dewan's reply thereto
2. No 1323 of 29.9.08.

The accompanying copies of D.O. correspondence in the matter of arrangements to be made for the District Police Superintendents of the city and the Civil and Military Station at regular intervals discussing and disposing matters connected with the operation of crimes are forwarded for favor of necessary orders being issued as intimated in the latter part of para 2 of the Dewan's D.O. No 1323 dated 29 September 1908. to Mr. Moore —

Mysore 3rd October 1908

The file has been submitted to His Highness the Maharaja for information and will be returned in return —

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Put up draft order.

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Orders issued. Letter sent

PB—45,000—19.5.08

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Police file no. 66/08

Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

Subd. with a draft.

K.N. 14.10.08 C.R.S

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Approved MPK 21/10/08

CBB 21/10/08.

Issue 21/10

Sl no. 1

To The J.C. of Police & the Dt. Magte.

no. J 1157-65 D/23.10.08.

Directs the Dt. Supdt. of the Bangalore City Police to meet the Supdt. C.I.D. Station at regular intervals & to compare notes on all police matters of joint interest.

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MGCPB—50,000—22-9-04

D.O. Dom No: 1073 & 22-10-08

Pol: 546

THE RESIDENT MYSORE

D 27-10-08

BANGALORE.

15th October 1908.

J 1054

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I am desired to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of your demi-official letter No.1323/2, dated the 29th September 1908, regarding the recent murders in Bangalore.

2. The Resident has read with interest the report of the departmental enquiry held by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, and has no wish to differ from the general conclusions favourable to the conduct of the City Police framed thereon by the Durbar.

3. With regard, however, to the special point brought to notice in Mr.Moore's letter of the 12th September 1908, viz., that the City Police lost a chance of a clue in not ascertaining that Munisawmi complained to the Ulsoor Police about Babu's connection with his son Chelvaraju's disappearance and in not enquiring what action the Civil and Military Station Police took to arrest Babu, the Resident is, after careful

careful consideration of the Deputy Commissioner's report, still constrained to think that his comments are not without justification. If Munisawmi did not tell the City Police about his insistently made complaint against Babu at the Ulsoor Police Station, Mr. Fraser cannot but think that the omission was due to the City Police having failed to question him whether he had traced his Lal Bagh Maistry; and with regard to the Deputy Commissioner's remarks in paragraph 6 of his demi-official letter dated the 16th September 1908 to your address that even if this matter (about Babu) had been mentioned to the City Police, the latter could not have taken any action, the Resident is unable to agree with the view taken by Mr. Kumaraswami Naik.

4. However that may be, the important point is with regard to future regular consultation between the two District Superintendents of Police the advisability of which, Mr.Fraser is glad to see, the Durbar fully acknowledge. The principle which he wishes to emphasize is the necessity for more constant personal intercourse, not only between the subordinate

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members of the two forces (the point dealt with in paragraph 4 of the Deputy Commissioner's letter) but between the two District Superintendents of Police as well, and Mr.Fraser was glad to learn from Mr.Hannyngton that since the commencement of the present year the District Superintendents of Police of the City and Civil and Military Station have been meeting once a week to discuss Police matters. I am to suggest that instructions may be issued to the District Superintendent, Bangalore City, for the continuance of this practice.

5. In paragraph 7 of his demi-official letter dated the 16th September 1908 referred to above, the Deputy Commissioner describes the failure to observe the similarity of the circumstances connected with the disappearance of Appiah and Chelvaraj, in both of which Babu's name figured, to the fact that both the Chief Inspector and the Divisional Inspector, who dealt with ~~in~~ the first case, had been transferred before the occurrence of the second case. So far, however, as Mr.

Mr.Fraser is aware, the District Superintendents of Police in the city and the Civil and Military Station were the same throughout this series of murders and disappearances, and since official memory is liable to be short in circumstances such as those alluded to by the Deputy Commissioner, it is the more important that consultation should take place in cases of special importance or difficulty between the responsible departmental officers, who should have for their assistance full official records in the hands of a permanent head quarter staff.

6. As regards paragraph 4 of your demi-official letter, I am to say that there is no trace of the yadi regarding the disappearance of Chelvaraj having been received in any of the Police stations in the Civil & Military Station of Bangalore.

Yours sincerely

T. Gopalan

To

V.P.Madhava Row, Esqr., C. I. E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

Police file No 64/07

D.O. No. 1352. Bangalore,

22nd October 1908.

Dear Mr. Copeland,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your D.O. letter No. 5430 dated the 19th October 1908, regarding the recent murders in Bangalore.

The Hon'ble the Resident's observations regarding the investigation by the City Police in connection with the disappearance of Chelavaraju will be communicated to the Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore.

Instructions have been issued to the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, in regard to the necessity for frequent personal intercourse between the Superintendents of the City and the Civil and Military Station and the continuance of the present practice of the two Superintendents meeting once a week to discuss police matters.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) V.P. Madhava Rao.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

	Subject.
23.10.08 297	Further letter from the Residency dated 19th October 1908, in regard to the recent murders in Bangalore, with a copy of Dewan's reply thereto.

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Order.

~~KRW~~

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To Medical
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Vide para 2 of Dewan's letter dated 28th Oct. 08

30 accord

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Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information a copy of a D.O. letter dated 19th October 1908, from the Residency in regard to the recent murders in Bangalore, in continuation of previous correspondence on the subject, together with a copy of my reply thereto.

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22nd October 1901.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sd) V.P. Madhava Rao.

No. 5430. Bangalore.

19th October 1908.

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Yours sincerely,

(Sd) T. Copeland.

V.P. Madhava Rao Esq., C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

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Serial No.

Orders have already been passed directing the City Supdt. to arrange to meet the Supdt. of the C & M. Station at regular intervals. The Resident's observations have to be communicated to the I. G. of Police and the Dy. Comr., Bangalore. Subd. with a draft to the I. G. of Police.

B. G. 28.10.08. SN 28/10

The D. A is submitted for approval (Under Secy)

SM 28/10

Issue CSB 29/10

J 1054

Draft D.O.

Bangalore

No J 1252 (enclosure) d/ 4. 11. 08

Dear Sir,

I am desired to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the first cl. Resident's D.O dated the 19th October 08 of the Dewan, conveying the certain observations of the Hon'ble the Resident regarding the investigation by the C.I.D Police in connection with the disappearance of Chelvarajan & to request that the same may be communicated to Mr. Kumaraswami Naik, by Comm. Bangalore.

Yours Sincerely

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To
D. Devaraj Urs Esqr.
I. G. of Police in Mysore.

R.S. 28-10-08

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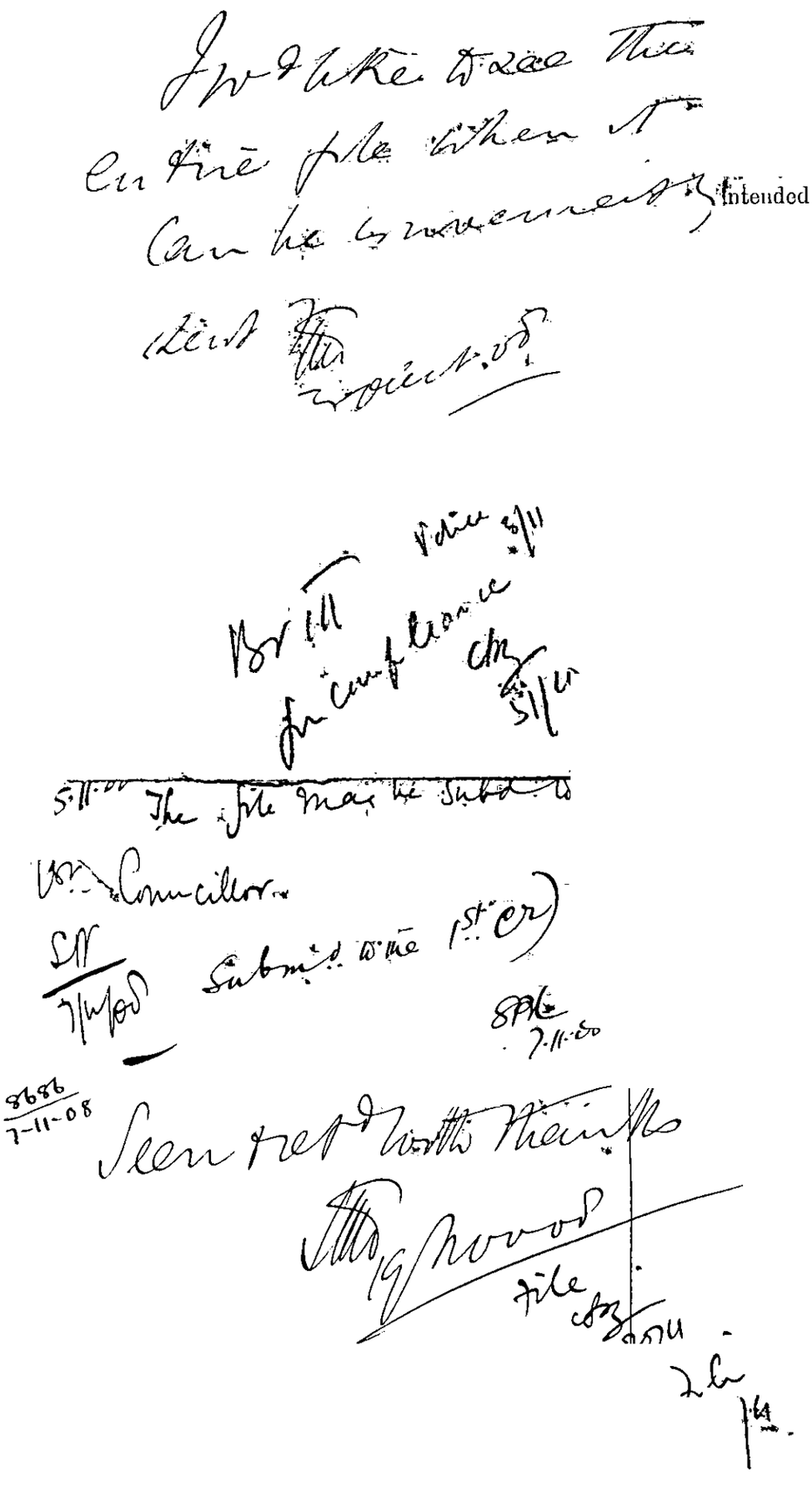

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Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue

Signed by—

READ.—

G.O. no. 2568/2.80-0, the 10th June 1891 communicating to the I. G. of Police in Mysore ~~a letter~~ enclosing a Memorandum ~~from the Assistant to the Resident in Mysore stating that the Resident in Mysore is desirable to amend~~

ORDER THEREON.—No. While cannot be given general permission for direct correspondence between the Mysore Police and the Police of the C.I.D. Station, Bangalore, ~~and that he is prepared to grant permission~~ there is no objection to their carrying on ~~for~~ direct correspondence in such matters as furnishing the

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SUBJECT

information of crime, circulating the lists of stolen property, and intelligence of an urgent nature for detection and prosecution of crime.

Order thereon.

With a view to secure greater co-operation between the Police of the Cantonment and the Police of the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore, Govt are of opinion that so far as the operations of criminals are concerned, the city and the Civil & Military Station of Bangalore should be regarded as one area, and are, therefore, pleased to direct that the Dt. Superintendent of the city Police should arrange to meet the Dt. Superintendent of the Station Police at regular intervals and compare notes on all Police matters, & not merely those referred to in the order read above.

15/10 Hon Secretary

To. The I.G. of Police in Mysore
Copies The Dt. Masters of Dts.

14.10.08

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Police File No. 64-08

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Diary No. of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 23rd Oct 08

Signed by Mr. S. P. Raja-
Sundaram

READ.

G. P. no. 2568/280 of the 10th June 1891 communicating to the I. G. of Police in Mysore, instructions to the effect that, while general permission cannot be given for direct correspondence between the

ORDER THEREON.—No.

Mysore Police and the Police of the C & M. Station, Bangalore, there is no objection to direct correspondence being carried on in such matters as the furnishing of informations of crime, the circulation of lists of stolen

over

SUBJECT

property and intelligence of an urgent nature for detection and prosecution of crime.

J. This 45

Order thereon: No. J 1157—65.

With a view to secure greater co-operation between the Mysore Police and the Police of the Civil & Military Station, Bangalore, Govt. are pleased to direct that the District Superintendent of the City Police should arrange to meet the District Superintendent of the Station Police at regular intervals and compare notes on all Police matters of joint interest and not merely those referred to in the order read above, and take such Concerted action as may be found to be necessary

Secretary

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To. The Inspector General of Police in Mysore

MMN 21/10/08

The District Magistrate of District

WD 22/10

KN. 21/10

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Judicial and Legislative (Police), dated 23rd October 1908.

READ—

Government Proceedings No. 2568—280, dated the 10th June 1891, communicating to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, instructions to the effect that, while general permission cannot be given for direct correspondence between the Mysore Police and the Police of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, there is no objection to direct correspondence being carried on in such matters as the furnishing of information of crime, the circulation of lists of stolen property and intelligence of an urgent nature for detection and prosecution of crime.

No. J. 1157-65—POL. 64-08-1, DATED BANGALORE, 23RD OCTOBER 1908.

ORDER THEREON.—With a view to secure greater co-operation between the Mysore Police and the Police of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, Government are pleased to direct that the District Superintendent of the City Police should arrange to meet the District Superintendent of the Station Police at regular intervals and compare notes on all Police matters of joint interest and not merely those referred to in the order read above, and take such concerted action as may be found to be necessary.

K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The District Magistrates of Districts.

Exd.—C. S.

1908-09

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE
(POLICE)

PROCEEDINGS

Dated 23rd October 1908

No. J. 1157-65
Police 64-08-1

Directs that, with a view to secure greater co-operation between the Mysore Police and the Police of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, the District Superintendents of the City Police and the Station Police should meet at regular intervals and compare notes on all Police matters of joint interest.

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